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Federal Allocations to Alabama, Fiscal 1984

By Steve Fowler

Direct federal expenditures or obligations in Alabama amounted to $11.5 billion during fiscal year 1984, according to a report by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. This amount represents an increase of $718.9 million, or 6.7 percent, over fiscal '83 federal allocations to Alabama. By comparison, federal allocations to states increased by only 4.2 percent during fiscal '84.

Alabama's share of the federal pie relative to the shares of other states also increased slightly in fiscal 1984. Federal expenditures and obligations for Alabama made up 1.54 percent of all such allocations to the states in 1983; in 1984 Alabama received 1.58 percent of federal allocations to states.

The *Consolidated Federal Funds Report, Fiscal Year 1984*, presents data on direct federal expenditures and obligations for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Volume I of the report has data for counties broken down into the categories of grant awards, salaries and wages, direct payments to individuals (retirement, disability, and the like), and procurement contract awards. The report further segregates Department of Defense (DoD) direct spending and obligations. Volume II of the report has less detailed data for cities and towns.

Direct Payments Lead Spending

During fiscal 1984, more than half of federal spending or obligations in Alabama were in the category of direct payments to individuals. According to the report, Alabamians received more than $5.8 billion in direct payments from the U.S. government (which does not include wage and salary payments), 50.6 percent of federal allocations to the state. Direct payments to individuals nationally consumed 44.6 percent of federal allocations to states. Direct payments to Alabamians increased by $171.2 million in fiscal '84 over fiscal '83. Although this represents an increase of only 3.0 percent, direct payments to individuals nationally showed zero growth during fiscal 1984.

Wages and salaries was the second-largest category of direct federal spending in Alabama and amounted to $2.3 billion in fiscal 1984, 19.7 percent of total outlays to the state. This spending level marked an increase of 5.8 percent from fiscal '83, a rate on par for this category nationally.

Defense Increases in Importance

DoD allocations increased slightly in importance to Alabama during fiscal 1984. DoD allocations in Alabama across all categories amounted to almost $2.8 billion and accounted for 24.3 percent of fiscal '84 federal allocations to Alabama. DoD outlays for fiscal '83 amounted to $8.2 billion, 23.8 percent of direct federal spending and obligations to the state. DoD allocations increased by $225.6 million, or 8.8 percent, in fiscal '84 over fiscal '83, which compared to an increase of 7.2 percent for defense outlays to all states. Allocations by non-DoD agencies in Alabama for fiscal '84 increased by $493.3 million, 6.0 percent above fiscal '83 levels. By comparison, non-DoD allocations to all states grew by only 3.1 percent during fiscal '84.

Following the nation's lead, the most dramatic growth rate in federal allocations during fiscal 1984 in Alabama was seen in procurement contract awards. The value of awards of federal procurement contracts in Alabama increased by 20.5 percent in fiscal 1984 over fiscal '83. By comparison, awards of federal procurement contracts to all states increased by 11.0 percent in value during fiscal '84. This category of federal spending and obligations amounted to more than $1.6 billion in Alabama and accounted for 14.3 percent of all fiscal '84 federal allocations to the state. During fiscal '83, procurement contract awards tallied almost $1.4 billion, or 12.7 percent of federal allocations to Alabama. However, Alabama received less than 1 percent of the value of all federal procurement contract awards to the states. In Alabama, 70 percent of the value of procurement contracts awards for fiscal '84 was defense related. Nationally almost 78 percent of procurement contract awards value was defense related.

Allocations to Counties

The distribution of federal expenditures and obligations to counties in Alabama favors those which are population centers and those with large federal civilian or military activities. For grants, some amounts were allocated to Montgomery County, the seat of state government, even when the grants represent payments that were subsequently passed through to local governments or distributed statewide.

Jefferson County, the state's most populous, led all others in federal outlays received during fiscal 1984, according to the report. Jefferson County's federal receipts totalled $1.72 billion, almost 15 percent of the statewide total. Madison County, the state's high-tech center, followed with allocations of $1.66 billion. Third was Montgomery County with $1.27 billion in federal expenditures and obligations. Federal outlays in Coosa County were the smallest in fiscal '84, just over $21 million.

The largest absolute change in federal funding at the county level in Alabama was experienced by Montgomery County, which saw federal support decline by almost $774 million from fiscal 1983. Much of this decline occurred in the grant awards category, and because grant awards may be distributed throughout the state, the resulting impact likely was felt statewide. Barbour, Colbert, Dallas, Fayette, and Jackson counties also experienced declines in federal funding during fiscal '84. Of counties which saw an increase, Madison County received the largest, an amount reaching almost $315 million and 44 percent of the funding increase statewide. Increases occurred across the board in Madison County, with the grant awards and procurement contracts categories receiving notable boosts. Hefty increases were also seen in Jefferson County ($199 million) and Mobile County ($125 million).

Federal allocations on a per capita basis reveal the relative importance of this revenue source among the counties. During fiscal 1984, per capita allocations ranged from $10,063 for Coffee County, far and away the largest in the state, to $1,064 for Shelby County. This finding illustrates the dominance of Ft. Rucker on Coffee County's economy. Allocations to Madison County were $7,846 for each resident, second highest in the state. This figure marks a gain of some $1,400 per capita from fiscal '83 allocations, the largest per capita increase in the state. Calhoun, Colbert, Dale, Jackson, Macon, and Montgomery counties all had federal allocations in excess of $3,000 per capita in fiscal '84. Direct federal expenditures and obligations amounted to $2,790 for each Alabamian for fiscal 1984, an increase of $149 from fiscal '83. The per capita figure nationwide was $3,108 but increased only $59 from fiscal '83, based on Census Bureau estimates of the U.S. population. Population estimates for Alabama and its counties were provided by the Alabama State Data Center.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984										
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,416	2,517	2,238	2,201
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	133,892	126,576	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	320,608	360,820	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,242
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,431	21,020	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded: new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,011,200	2,763,700	214,400	224,000	156,200	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700
Residential	847,200	1,286,500	93,600	96,200	78,600	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	153,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200
Nonresidential	660,000	1,025,800	88,600	110,100	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500
Public works and utilities	504,000	451,300	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	928	1,086	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ($1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995
Franchise	52,016	52,214	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942
Income	765,160	815,838	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	51,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679
Oil gas privilege	36,891	89,645	4,424	5,742	6,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159
Oil gas production	18,510	17,290	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649
Sales	562,208	609,132	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723		15	13,638	66	
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,867	5,734		2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895		3,451	3,451
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313
Use	67,876	66,519	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531
Utility	134,597	152,287	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	288.8	298.4	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5
Food	285.7	291.7	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1
Housing	314.7	323.1	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2
Transportation	291.5	298.4	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8
Medical care	328.7	357.3	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5
Energy	416.0	419.3	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	306.1	308.0	309.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.4	309.9
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.2	323.8	323.0
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	115.6	121.3	131.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	346	335	329	328	326	325	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317
Wholesale prices	334	330	327	325	324	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,711.0	1,758.0	1,760.5	1,745.9	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5
Unemployment	246.0	240.0	197.6	213.5	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.7	11.2	12.2	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6
Employment	1,465.0	1,518.0	1,562.9	1,532.4	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,328.8	1,364.2	1,345.7	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5
Manufacturing	337.8	340.9	352.5	350.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0
Durable goods	159.1	159.2	166.8	165.6	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.9	28.8	28.2	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.8	25.2	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.8	22.8	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2
Machinery (excl. electrical)		14.8	16.2	16.6	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0
Electrical, electronic equip.		21.8	22.8	22.4	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6
Transportation	22.6	21.7	23.3	23.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7
Other durable goods	16.0	17.7	19.5	19.0	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2
Nondurable goods	178.8	181.7	185.7	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4
Food	26.5	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.6	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	40.2	40.4	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9
Apparel	53.0	54.9	56.3	55.8	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.5	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.6	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.8	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	987.9	1,011.7	995.2	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3
Contract construction	56.8	59.8	61.1	57.8	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	71.3	70.3	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4
Trade	267.4	273.3	288.3	278.1	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5
Wholesale	70.0	70.1	71.7	70.9	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9
Retail	197.4	203.1	216.6	207.2	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.9	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	218.9	221.9	221.4	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7
Government	290.1	292.7	294.4	292.9	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8
Federal	65.1	65.3	67.9	65.6	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5
State and local	224.9	227.3	226.5	227.3	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,460	15,370	15,290	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920
	15.0	14.1	10.8	11.5	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	33,760	34,420	34,700	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380
	12.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	12.2	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7
Barbour	11,510	11,980	11,520	11,620	11,780	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200
	16.2	13.1	10.8	11.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4
Bibb	5,670	5,940	5,690	6,090	5,910	5,130	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210
	22.8	19.6	18.0	22.3	17.5	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9
Blount	14,050	13,520	12,890	16,460	16,690	17,740	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990
	19.9	18.1	14.0	12.2	12.6	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,410	4,230	4,200	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500
	18.3	17.2	15.2	14.3	12.8	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,720	9,590	9,550	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650
	20.3	17.3	12.0	15.3	14.1	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,520	46,040	46,210	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020
	15.1	13.1	11.3	12.1	11.5	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2
Chambers	16,280	16,920	16,760	16,390	16,520	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960
	11.3	9.8	7.8	8.4	8.8	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	10,860	11,400	11,310	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080
	14.8	15.4	11.1	12.6	15.2	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,360	16,650	16,490	16,510	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520
	15.6	13.3	10.5	11.0	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,500	5,600	5,610	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,030	5,850	5,820	5,930
	15.3	15.2	12.8	13.4	14.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,560	10,710	10,550	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,610	10,400	10,540	10,550
	15.9	16.2	13.8	14.3	13.4	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,510	7,260	7,330	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580
	13.5	13.8	10.7	11.7	11.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,160	5,090	5,170	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310
	14.5	12.5	9.7	10.4	9.9	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0
Coffee	19,410	20,040	19,700	19,560	19,810	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890
	11.8	10.8	9.6	9.0	9.5	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3
Colbert	23,620	24,050	23,520	23,040	23,590	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880
	19.0	18.5	15.5	17.4	18.5	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,120	6,910	6,860	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650
	13.9	12.7	13.7	12.3	12.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,520	5,480	5,510	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690
	10.8	10.3	7.8	8.4	8.3	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,160	16,250	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360
	13.5	12.3	11.3	11.4	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	6,820	6,910	7,120	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340
	13.8	12.1	8.6	10.9	10.1	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7
Cullman	27,400	28,710	28,050	28,060	28,580	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470
	17.2	14.7	10.7	12.8	13.1	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9
Dale	12,410	12,980	12,630	21,860	22,120	22,560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640
	13.1	13.7	11.5	7.7	7.9	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9
Dallas	23,870	23,640	22,910	22,460	22,470	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140
	17.3	17.5	14.7	15.6	15.3	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	28,890	29,340	29,500	29,680	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670
	13.4	13.8	11.6	13.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4
Elmore	19,880	20,770	20,250	20,130	20,220	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810
	13.3	12.2	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,440	17,620	17,700	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360
	13.2	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.0	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0
Etowah	42,720	42,450	41,370	41,830	41,830	41,990	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870
	20.5	17.5	13.5	14.4	14.0	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,160	10,080	10,200	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440
	11.4	11.7	9.7	9.4	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,010	14,350	14,780	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560
	18.4	18.2	16.6	24.0	21.1	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,470	11,170	11,110	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560
	11.4	10.5	9.4	9.2	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,420	4,550	4,840	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740
	17.0	16.7	15.4	19.4	18.3	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,270	5,440	5,280	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480
	20.7	16.6	18.2	19.9	17.6	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,140	6,860	6,940	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150
	12.2	11.2	9.4	10.5	9.3	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2
Houston	39,040	40,070	39,630	35,420	35,360	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620
	10.0	10.8	9.2	9.8	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8
Jackson	21,080	20,800	19,980	19,700	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840
	20.4	22.0	20.7	19.7	19.7	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	303,270	297,210	297,930	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180
	13.8	12.8	10.1	10.8	10.2	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,730	8,980	9,030	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460
	13.5	9.8	7.3	7.8	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,350	34,540	35,110	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060
	17.5	16.9	14.5	16.4	16.9	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	13,380	13,310	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010
	18.9	18.7	16.9	17.3	17.0	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8
Lee	34,330	36,140	35,890	37,610	37,950	37,890	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850
	9.4	8.4	6.0	6.4	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7
Limestone	22,840	23,940	23,780	19,330	19,610	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740
	13.6	11.0	8.5	12.2	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,290	4,960	4,990	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070
	19.2	17.6	14.3	18.2	17.0	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7
Macon	7,820	8,000	7,760	7,870	7,900	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210
	14.9	13.5	11.4	11.2	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4
Madison	94,570	100,410	100,970	112,770	112,750	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830
	10.7	9.2	7.7	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,640	9,320	9,310	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930
	15.4	15.4	12.9	13.5	12.8	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	13.6	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,250	13,340	13,310	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750
	18.3	19.4	15.6	16.8	15.8	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6
Marshall	33,020	34,920	34,960	31,980	32,330	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560
	14.8	13.0	11.2	13.7	13.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9
Mobile	158,750	163,820	158,390	160,150	160,530	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,460	166,680	165,400	164,050
	14.0	15.9	12.9	14.4	13.7	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,900	10,770	10,810	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940
	14.2	12.6	12.4	14.1	13.4	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	92,810	93,450	94,230	94,780	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920
	11.1	10.6	9.3	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,080	37,780	37,860	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300
	16.1	14.5	11.9	12.9	12.1	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6
Perry	5,690	5,860	5,780	5,540	5,410	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010
	15.7	14.8	19.2	20.9	14.1	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,600	7,110	7,110	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900
	19.7	17.7	16.3	16.6	16.1	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8
Pike	13,260	13,770	12,960	13,100	13,240	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060
	13.4	13.7	11.9	11.1	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7
Randolph	9,710	9,170	8,950	8,940	8,880	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590
	21.7	17.8	13.8	16.4	14.7	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,210	19,240	18,610	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480
	16.7	13.7	11.5	16.2	13.0	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,280	19,070	19,280	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910
	14.7	14.2	13.2	12.8	12.9	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,220	31,510	31,400	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650
	13.0	12.4	10.9	12.0	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2
Sumter	6,810	6,990	6,850	7,000	6,990	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220
	17.7	14.3	9.9	11.0	9.9	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5
Talladega	30,840	32,030	31,300	30,420	30,300	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140
	19.2	17.1	13.0	14.3	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,620	16,760	16,910	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010
	13.5	12.2	9.9	9.9	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,400	56,690	56,900	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670
	12.6	12.5	10.3	10.4	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	8.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,020	32,520	32,540	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830
	15.0	16.1	15.6	15.9	15.2	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,210	6,210	6,320	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380
	16.9	20.0	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,320	5,340	5,370	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190
	18.7	20.3	17.1	16.9	16.2	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3
Winston	8,480	9,150	8,960	9,150	9,400	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530
	22.5	18.6	16.5	21.8	24.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	668	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,832	1,739
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911
Gasoline sales[a] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793
New passenger car registrations[b] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[c] *($1,000,000)*															
Food				288	281	305	305	301	303	311	294	310	289	287	322
General stores with food and gas				13	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	14
General merchandise				157	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	179	185	238	349
Apparel				35	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	44	45	52	73
Furniture, furnishings, etc.				41	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	48	52
Automotive				211	234	275	259	281	288	268	281	243	257	243	230
Gasoline service stations				22	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	23
Lumber and building materials				55	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	75	64
Hardware and farm implements				27	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	30
Eating places				95	97	112	102	104	106	112	117	110	108	105	110
Drug stores				22	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29
All other retail				153	156	173	175	176	181	169	184	178	180	186	228
Total sales by retail concerns				1,117	1,130	1,302	1,304	1,329	1,354	1,301	1,340	1,263	1,290	1,329	1,523
Nonretail and unclassified concerns				190	188	213	214	228	228	218	228	230	225	212	231
Total all sales at retail				1,308	1,317	1,516	1,517	1,557	1,582	1,519	1,568	1,513	1,515	1,540	1,754
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[c] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston				36,224	36,373	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,925	42,695	41,637	43,256	43,705	48,712
Birmingham				350,980	363,625	421,259	417,088	429,621	433,988	415,950	441,308	425,125	418,164	421,472	478,617
Dothan				43,801	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,940	50,597	54,536	53,520	61,126
Florence				42,222	43,478	50,265	51,026	51,571	52,273	51,039	52,206	49,279	51,753	52,188	62,000
Gadsden				32,543	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,062	37,010	38,324	36,805	43,204
Huntsville				74,343	77,028	85,504	85,663	88,061	89,067	86,505	89,790	84,875	87,017	91,507	106,493
Mobile				149,193	150,628	173,137	177,423	179,620	185,894	179,402	169,796	170,294	159,615	159,414	191,743
Montgomery				99,383	102,823	116,574	117,041	122,692	124,741	119,631	121,976	117,277	116,139	123,986	141,128
Tuscaloosa				47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,372	53,455	53,118	52,810	63,046
Counties															
Autauga				6,750	6,981	7,967	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,196	8,064	7,864	8,188	9,024
Baldwin				22,302	24,507	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,157	30,447	27,983	26,803	26,483	28,077
Barbour				4,951	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,580	6,071	6,041	6,490
Bibb				2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,779	4,124
Blount				6,056	6,128	6,974	7,144	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,348	7,948	7,400	8,495
Bullock				2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,841	2,101	2,498
Butler				5,521	4,604	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,567	5,130	5,450	5,573
Calhoun				36,224	36,373	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,925	42,695	41,637	43,256	43,705	48,712
Chambers				8,075	7,890	9,214	9,078	9,382	8,917	8,920	8,829	8,444	9,081	9,165	9,716
Cherokee				3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,745	4,012	3,760	4,235
Chilton				6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,480	7,832	8,742	8,767	9,645
Choctaw				2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,097	3,197	2,813	2,702	2,905	3,148
Clarke				6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,847	7,971	7,671	8,026	8,221	7,685	7,914	9,747
Clay				1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,259	2,186	2,165	2,218	2,530
Cleburne				1,636	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,753	1,868	1,699	1,649
Coffee				13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,298	14,303	14,852	17,182

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984										
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert				17,564	18,128	20,907	21,049	21,733	22,029	21,510	21,616	20,065	20,874	20,279	23,097
Conecuh				2,505	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,860	4,320	2,822	2,917	3,505
Coosa				619	525	723	714	700	671	754	821	812	816	811	864
Covington				9,580	10,588	12,109	11,557	11,618	11,830	11,245	11,669	10,797	10,826	10,487	12,487
Crenshaw				2,377	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,532	2,581	2,452	2,334	2,171	2,658	3,061	3,009
Cullman				15,926	16,817	19,756	20,046	20,181	20,945	20,006	19,894	19,124	21,016	20,272	22,982
Dale				7,035	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,906	8,834	8,771	9,857
Dallas				14,219	14,086	16,687	16,519	17,220	17,386	16,274	16,456	16,131	17,037	17,022	18,728
DeKalb				13,350	13,021	13,813	14,701	15,505	15,837	14,959	15,491	14,916	15,215	15,750	16,310
Elmore				7,199	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,771	8,120	8,262	9,563
Escambia				9,860	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,243	12,238	11,839	14,417
Etowah				32,543	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,062	37,010	38,324	36,806	43,204
Fayette				4,728	4,969	5,815	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,729	5,115	5,073	5,316
Franklin				6,716	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,519	8,164	8,004	8,698	9,488
Geneva				10,841	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,657	11,897	11,816	11,633	12,541	13,432
Greene				1,270	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,061	1,607	1,380	1,484	1,363	1,442
Hale				2,239	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,527	2,783	2,601	2,518	2,500	2,686
Henry				2,323	2,465	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,276	2,770	3,192	3,604
Houston				36,766	40,061	44,718	44,370	47,154	48,245	44,860	46,106	41,691	45,702	44,749	51,269
Jackson				9,261	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,324	12,038	11,941	12,901
Jefferson				298,341	309,998	360,053	355,191	363,006	366,612	351,894	374,321	363,068	354,262	358,410	410,090
Lamar				2,691	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,123	3,078	2,963	2,947	3,120	3,055
Lauderdale				24,658	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,529	30,590	29,214	30,879	31,909	38,903
Lawrence				3,647	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,677	4,108	4,438	4,231	4,398	4,513	5,099
Lee				24,947	24,525	28,202	28,137	29,207	29,589	28,061	29,060	29,398	29,258	30,403	34,023
Limestone				11,168	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,093	14,358	13,124	13,880	13,381	13,060	13,875	15,378
Lowndes				1,280	1,215	1,337	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,335	1,365	1,364	1,419	1,380	1,737
Macon				3,851	3,179	3,476	3,651	3,754	3,835	3,767	4,289	3,991	3,642	3,591	3,855
Madison				74,343	77,028	85,504	85,663	88,061	89,067	86,505	89,790	84,875	87,017	91,507	106,493
Marengo				5,603	5,112	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,364	5,746	6,193	6,355
Marion				6,860	7,017	8,213	7,474	7,926	8,135	7,792	7,982	7,846	7,593	8,256	9,679
Marshall				22,754	23,968	27,934	28,111	29,288	29,820	28,261	29,620	27,874	28,141	29,280	31,284
Mobile				126,891	126,121	145,064	148,734	149,575	154,998	148,245	139,349	142,311	132,812	132,931	163,666
Monroe				6,167	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	8,995	8,959	11,460	10,272
Montgomery				85,434	88,326	100,179	100,582	105,692	107,263	102,587	104,772	100,442	100,155	107,536	122,551
Morgan				30,391	31,383	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,123	36,426	38,729	36,931	38,242	40,223	45,389
Perry				1,688	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,312	2,374	2,154	1,986	2,098
Pickens				2,964	2,925	3,487	3,625	3,538	3,686	3,447	3,564	3,315	3,584	3,269	3,702
Pike				6,442	6,699	7,666	7,344	7,577	7,498	7,147	7,892	7,626	7,991	7,671	8,232
Randolph				5,140	4,642	4,900	4,443	4,788	4,861	4,674	4,446	4,670	4,789	5,149	5,130
Russell				8,180	8,980	10,008	9,961	10,377	10,404	10,381	10,770	9,684	10,317	9,953	11,097
St. Clair				8,317	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,189	10,512	9,435	10,446
Shelby				17,848	17,886	21,005	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,309	20,485	20,987	20,484	21,266
Sumter				2,342	2,163	2,866	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,528	2,556	2,429	2,601	2,869	3,027
Talladega				17,279	17,186	19,187	20,357	22,808	21,292	20,497	19,618	18,526	19,124	19,967	23,033
Tallapoosa				9,468	9,637	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,720	10,367	9,833	10,062	10,427	11,563
Tuscaloosa				47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,372	53,455	53,118	52,810	63,046
Walker				20,418	20,431	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,581	24,528	25,167	24,035	24,455	25,743	28,320
Washington				1,576	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,894	1,601	1,708
Wilcox				2,385	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,354	2,313	2,227	2,254	2,161	2,522
Winston				4,972	5,188	6,015	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	5,919	5,970	5,620	5,846	6,557
Statewide				84,042	63,302	74,534	77,098	75,460	77,970	76,160	82,107	82,900	85,763	85,418	95,804
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139
Residential	237,082	449,881	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613
Residential	2,700	3,593	231	247	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	245	256	255	263
Nonresidential	442	932	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105
Residential	13,918	31,921	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476
Residential	2,937	7,340	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458
Residential	5,626	7,760	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	580	483
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215
Residential	1,517	2,006	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407
Residential	18,311	51,350	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,155
Residential	19,544	38,261	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984										
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049
Residential	15,363	32,619	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843
Quad-Cities[11]															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947
Residential	7,481	6,391	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150
Selma															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	156	994	184	819	593	309	312
Residential	987	357	20	.....	.....	24	87	82	117	148	75	.....	76	35	.....
Nonresidential	1,739	798	.....	3	133	36	717	35	.....	7	.....	617	4	188	167
								36	.....	35	.....	7	.....	617	4
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739
Residential	6,592	14,849	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. ..... Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[1]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[3]End-of-month balance.

[4]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[6]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of *Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[11]Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[12]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

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The Economy in Perspective

Focus on DeKalb County

DeKalb County is in the northeast corner of Alabama. It is in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and enjoys beautiful scenery. Fort Payne is the county's largest city and its seat of government. Fort Payne has 11,500 inhabitants, and the next largest town is Rainsville with only 4,000 people. There are many incorporated communities in the county which have only a few hundred people each. About 48 percent of the county's residents live inside corporate limits, and 52 percent live in unincorporated areas of the county.

DeKalb County differs from most Alabama counties in that its population is almost all one race. The 1980 Census counted 962 black people, 120 American Indians, and 79 Asians in DeKalb County. The rest of the 53,658 people there were white.

Over half the people in the county are among the age group generally considered the working age population--those ages 19 through 64. Nearly a quarter of the total population of the county is school age--people 5 through 18. Seven percent of the county's people are infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; the remaining 13 percent of the people are 65 years old or older, which is generally the retirement age population.

Although DeKalb County has 55.6 percent of its total population in an age range suitable for full-time, permanent employment, unemployment is quite a problem. Double-digit unemployment rates have been the norm there since 1981.

By far the greatest employment opportunities in the county are in manufacturing, and mostly in nondurable manufacturing. The county has several hosiery mills, several apparel plants making knit clothing, a carpet yarn factory, and a few other nondurable goods enterprises, such as a poultry processing plant and a big bakery. Durable goods manufactured in the county include garbage truck bodies, steel joist trusses, and transformers.

Manufacturing jobs can be very high paying, but textile and apparel jobs usually do not pay well. Neither do these industries offer much advancement opportunity for their employees. Forty percent of all jobs in DeKalb County are for operators, fabricators, or laborers. Another 16 percent of jobs are for precision production, craft, or repair workers.

With 56 percent of all jobs in the county in the blue-collar sector and primarily in industries with historically low wages, it is not surprising that per capita personal income in the county is low. DeKalb County's per capita income is only 61 percent of the national average. The average per capita income for Alabama is not as high as the national average, but DeKalb is well below the state average.

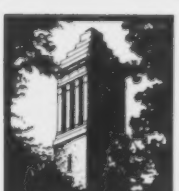
After manufacturing, the retail trade sector of DeKalb County's economy is the strongest. The several towns in the county support grocery stores, eating places, service stations, building materials and garden supplies stores, and of course general merchandise stores. These businesses provide quite a few jobs, but sales and clerical occupations are another group that is well known for being poorly paid.

DeKalb County has a very poor record of educational attainment. Of the people 25 years and over, 35 percent have no more than an elementary school education. Twenty-two percent attended high school but did not finish. Another 28 percent have a high school education, but went no further. Nine percent have attended college but did not finish; only 6 percent have a college degree. The median number of school years completed by persons 25 or older is 10.7 years. Median school years for Alabama is 12.2 years. Age 25 was selected as the cut-off point for measuring because most people that age have completed all the formal schooling they will have in their lifetimes.

The county may be in a vicious circle. Do employers provide low level jobs because they can't find qualified employees at higher levels, or do people leave school because they feel there is no opportunity to use an advanced education in earning a livelihood?

DeKalb County has many advantages to offer its citizens. People may choose to live in Fort Payne, which offers all the amenities of an established small town, or people may choose a more rural setting to enjoy the unusually beautiful countryside. Some people in DeKalb County commute to Chattanooga, Tennessee to work and others to Marshall County, Alabama. However, people who choose to live and work in DeKalb County need more opportunities. The unemployment rate has been too high, and the educational attainment and income levels have been too low for a long time.

--Annette Jones Watters



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